

IMPROVED METHOD AND APPARATUS
FOR SAMPLING CERVICAL TISSUE

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A cervical sampling system for collecting a cervical sample for using a Pap test. The cervical sampling system includes an insertion tube with an insertion position indicator, and an introduction guide member that guides the insertion tube into a vaginal cavity. The vaginal insertion tube includes an insertion depth indicator to allow the user to determine the appropriate depth to insert the tube. A cervical sampler is positioned within the vaginal insertion tube and extends into the vaginal cavity to collect samples. The insertion tube and cervical sampler include signaling members that cooperate to indicate to the user when the cervical sample has been rotated through a complete revolution. After the cervical sample has been collected, an ethanol based fixative is applied onto the collecting member before it is forwarded to a lab for slide preparation.